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SUBJ: GREEK GOVERNMENT OUTLAWS DEMONSTRATIONS

1. FOLLOWING CONDOLENCE STATEMENT OF PM CARAMANLIS (ATHENS 5834) WHICH CONCLUDED THAT GOG IS DETERMINED TO CONFRONT WITH RUTHLESS SEVERITY DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE, MINISTER OF EDUCATION LOUROS APPEALED TO GREEK AND GREEK CYPRIOT STUDENTS TO GUARD AGAINST AGENTS PROVOCATEURS IN THEIR RANKS AND NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO UNDERMINE LEGITIMATE STUDENT DEMANDS. LOUROS AND HIS DEPUTY D. TSATSOS EMPHASIZED VITAL NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING FROM STUDENTS AS NATION MOVES FROM DICTATORSHIP TO DEMOCRACY. STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH ASSURANCE GOG WOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO PREVENT REPETITION OF SUNDAY'S DEMONSTRATION AND INCIDENTS.

2. IN ADDITION ATHENS NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTINUED TO PUBLISH OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BANNING DEMONSTRATIONS. ATHENS NEWS AUGUST 20 QUOTED OFFICIAL SOURCE AS REMARKING THAT GOVERNMENT PREFERS TOTAL BAN ON DEMONSTRATIONS UNTIL NATIONAL CRISIS SETTLED AND EMPHASIZING

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THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AND DEMANDS FOR AN ACTIVELY ANTI-

AMERICAN POLICY HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT WHEN AGENTS
PROVOCATEURS MIX WITH DEMONSTRATORS AND MANIPULATE
THEM TO THEIR OWN ENDS.

3. PRESS REPORTED PROMINENTLY AUGUST 20 THAT SUNDAY'S
DEMONSTRATION AND INCIDENTS LAST WEEKEND INCLUDING
ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES WERE ENCOURAGED BY AGENTS
PROVOCATEURS WITH LINKS TO GREEK CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (KYP) AND GREEK MILITARY POLICE (ESA). STUDENTS
AND OTHERS ARE QUOTED AS IDENTIFYING KNOWN
ESA OFFICIALS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT PLANTS AS LEADING
DEMONSTRATORS. NEWS ACCOUNTS SUGGESTED GOAL OF AGENTS
PROVOCATEURS IS TO DISCREDIT CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT
AND TO CAST DOUBT ON AIMS OF SINCERE PARTICIPANTS.

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